



PETITION FOR COLOR DRAWINGS

PATENT APPLICATION

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AUTOMATED ANALYSES OF HUMAN
RETINOPATHY*

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of color drawings. Specifically, Applicant asks that Figs. 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9 be accepted as black & white photographs, and that Figs. 6, 7, 8, and 9 be accepted as a color drawings. Three sets of formal drawings (each including color prints for Figs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9) are submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that it is appropriate for Figs. 6, 7, 8, and 9 to be in the form of color drawings in order to well illustrate how multiple digital images are processed and improved in the phases of non-linear quantization functions. Further, the end results of optic disc deformation is best illustrated using a color representation.

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Applicant respectfully submits that it is appropriate for Figs. 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9 to be in the form of black and white photographs in order to well illustrate how original retinal images are enhanced according to various embodiments of the present invention.

The language required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(a)(2)(iv) is included in the specification at paragraph no. 0025A via a Preliminary Amendment to this filing.

In view of the above, grant of this petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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